

# SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. CST

Becker-Hansen Building/Commission Room - 700 East Broadway Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota

**COMMISSIONER PRESENT:** Rick Vallery

## **COMMISSIONER PRESENT**

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Austin Simons, Chairman  
Chris Frick, Vice-chairman  
Lynn Jensen  
Jaf Karim  
Don Roby  
Ron Rosenboom  
Mike Vehle

**DOT STAFF PRESENT:** Karla Engle, Mark Leiferman, Sam Weisgram, Ryan Johnson, and Kari Kroll

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**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Craig Smith and Christina Bennett

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Toby Crow- Association of General Contractors (AGC)

Chairman Austin Simons called the meeting of the South Dakota Transportation Commission (the "Commission") to order at 9:00 a.m. CT. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

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Simons opened the floor to the Commission members to disclose potential conflicts of interest and to present requests for waiver pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) chapters 3 – 23.

No members of the Commission disclosed a conflict or requested a waiver.

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Simons opened the floor to public input.

No members of the public addressed the Commission or offered input.

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Craig Smith, Division Director of Operations, presented for Commission consideration the proposed changes to the Special Provision for Price Schedule for Miscellaneous Items, Section 4.4 – Temporary Traffic Control, regarding the costs for flagging and pilot car costs.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Roby and seconded by Jensen to approve the proposed changes to the Special Provision for Price Schedule for Miscellaneous Items for flagging and pilot car prices as recommended by the Department of Transportation. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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Sam Weisgram, Office of Project Development, presented to the Commission the following bid letting results:

February 4, 2026

**Structure (2-11'x11' CIP RCBC) & Approach Grading**

1	09MC BRF-B 6136(01) Lehtola Builders, Inc. Structure 2.3 E of Carthage on 222 St (Co Rd 22) over Rock Ck, SN 49-093-020	Miner County \$544,784.47
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**Structure (2-10x10 CIP RCBC) & Approach Grading**

2	08RR BRF 6450(00) BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION, INC. Structure 8.5 W of US83 on Bad River Rd over Dan Powell Creek SN 59-339-327	Stanley County \$714,455.00
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**Polymer Chip Seal, Guardrail, Approach Slabs, Approach Pavement**

3	08JO, 08JM, 08J7, 08J1 P 0044(230)343, IM 0908(108)341, NH 0018(243)359, P 0042(93)305 Charles Mix, Hanson, Hutchinson County BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION, INC. SD44 - 0.5, 1.7 E of Douglas Co Line, 0.2, 1.2 W of SD37, 5.6, 6.5 E of SD37; SD42 - 1.2, 1.7, 9.5, 10.4 E of Davidson Co Line; I90 - 2.1 W of Exit 344 (Alexandria); US18 - 3.4 E of US281	\$2,152,596.70
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**Centerline Rumble Stripes**

4	09UV PH 0040(358) Butte, Corson, Custer, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Perkins County Surface Preparation Technologies, LLC Rapid City Region	\$359,809.00
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A MOTION WAS MADE by Vehle and seconded by Rosenboom to approve bids #1 - 4. All present voted aye by roll call vote. The motion carried.

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With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Simons declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m. CT.